

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 3-8, 14-20, 25-27, and 32-38 are pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 14 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 9-13, 21-24, 28-31, and 39-42 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3-8, 14, 16-20, 25, and 32-36 have been amended. Applicant submits that support for these amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

The Examiner object to several claims under 37 CFR §1.75 as being substantial duplicates of other claims. Applicants respectfully traverse that objection. In particular, Applicants note that Claim 14 recites a feature that is not recited in Claim 1/2, namely, that the display system comprises a prism body having a decentered, rotationally asymmetric reflecting surface with optical powers different depending on the azimuthal angles. Accordingly, Applicants submit that those claims are not substantial duplicates. In addition, because the objections to the other claims are based on the lack of significant differences between Claims 1/2 and 14, the objections to the other claims are also traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are requested.

The Examiner objected to certain claims based on the used of the terms “ocular optical system,” “outside image,” “outside optical axis,” and “shifted toward the outside.” Although Applicants traverse these objections since the meanings of those terms are understandable to one skilled in the art, the claims have nevertheless been amended to

change those terms. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections are requested.

Figures 10, 23, and 28 have been objected to because they do not include the legend --Prior Art--. In response, Applicants have labeled Figures 10 and 23 as Prior Art. However, Applicants traverse this objection with respect to Claim 28 and submit that that figure is not prior art but instead shows experimental knowledge of Applicants.

Claim 1 was rejected (along with Claims 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/3/9, 1/4/10, 1/5/11, 1/6/12, and 1/7/13 which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting the amount of the shift d. Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome this rejection, and therefore reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,467,190 (Hadani), cited in the June 21, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In particular, the subject matter of Claim 2 is now incorporated into Claim 1, and Applicants submit that the cited art does not disclose or suggest at least that feature.

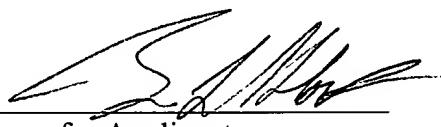
Claims 25-41 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-15 of co-pending Application No. 10/722,444 (Patent Publication No. 2004/0140949). Applicants submit that since Claims 25 and 35 now depend from Claim 8, this provisional rejection has been obviated. Withdrawal of the provisional rejection is requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections and rejections set

forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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